

House Resolution 454

By: Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Washburn of the 141st, Beverly of the 143rd, Paris of the 142nd, and Mathis of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dr. Curtis Jones upon being named the 2019 National Superintendent of the Year
2 and recognizing April 7, 2019, as Dr. Curtis Jones Day at the state capitol; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young
5 people, and Dr. Curtis Jones exemplifies selfless dedication to developing students as
6 scholars, leaders, and good citizens as demonstrated by his many contributions to the Bibb
7 County School System; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Jones began his career in education with the Griffin-Spalding County
9 School System and has more than 20 years of experience as an educator; and

10 WHEREAS, the School Superintendents Association announced Dr. Jones as the 2019
11 National Superintendent of the Year during the National Conference on Education in Los
12 Angeles, California, on Thursday, February 14, 2019; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Jones was named the 2019 Georgia Superintendent of the Year in
14 December, 2018, by the Georgia School Superintendents Association; and

15 WHEREAS, when he joined the Bibb County School System in 2015, Dr. Jones set one of
16 his first long-term goals as raising the district's graduation rate to 90 percent by 2025; the
17 district has made great gains in improving its graduation rate, which was 58.9 percent in
18 2014 and 78.5 percent in 2018; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Jones developed the Bibb County School System's strategic plan, "Victory
20 in Our Schools," which drives continuous improvement efforts through shared accountability
21 for all stakeholders and resource alignment and which has five goal areas: increasing student
22 and stakeholder engagement, increasing teacher and leader effectiveness, being a reliable
23 organization, learning, and growth; and

24 WHEREAS, he has demonstrated exemplary leadership through his involvement in
25 numerous community, state, and national professional and civic organizations; and

26 WHEREAS, he works tirelessly to help students succeed, making a positive impact on the
27 lives of many by preserving the schools in his community through his positive attitude and
28 commitment to the education of Georgia's youth; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Jones is married to his beloved wife, Evelyn, and they are blessed with three
30 remarkable children and three exceptional grandchildren; and

31 WHEREAS, his devotion to providing the students of Georgia with a quality education is
32 worthy of recognition.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body honor Dr. Curtis Jones upon being named the 2019 National
35 Superintendent of the Year and recognize April 7, 2019, as Dr. Curtis Jones Day at the state
36 capitol.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
39 Curtis Jones.